

# THE DAILY UNION.

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The following sweet song was sung at the late Burns Festival in New York.

## TAKE BACK THE RING, DEAR JAMIE.

Take back the ring, dear Jamie,  
The ring you gave to me,  
And a' the vows you made yestreen  
Beneath the bonny tree;  
Be ye back my heart again—  
It's I have to be;  
Gin ye'll no wait a fitting time,  
"Ye canna marry me."

I promised to my daddie  
Afore he shipped awa',  
I wae'd leave my mairnie  
When he'd come back;  
I'll keep my promise,  
For that ye can gie,  
So Jamie if ye winna wait,  
"Ye canna marry me."

I canna leave my mairnie,  
She's been sae kind to me,  
Sin' e'er I was a bairn,  
A wee thing on her knee;  
Nae mair she'll care my gowden hair,  
Nor bairn she'll care my brow;  
She's all and frae, her e'en are dim,  
And a' the while she's awa'.

A mairnie leave my mairnie,  
Her journey is nae lang,  
Her head is bending to the mool,  
When it's nae mairly gae;  
We're an' a' the while she's awa',  
I'd a' the while she's awa',  
To watch her steps in helpless age,  
As she in youth waded mine.

**THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.**—The personal and political notices of the United States Senators, now in session at Washington, which we gave in the  *Herald*  of yesterday, will doubtless attract much attention. The first point of observation with regard to this body is, the amount of talent existing among the members, compared with the Senate of other days. It may be safely asserted, we think, that the character of the Senate is not deteriorating. If there are none to be found in the present Senate to supply the places of Webster, Clay, Calhoun, and Benton, it will be found that the average amount of talent is kept up in the whole number, and that the proportion of really inferior men is small among the Senators. On turning over the personal notices which we have given, it is curious to observe the course of political training most of the Senators have undergone, in their respective States, by public services of various kinds, before they have been considered qualified for election to the Senate. These services have been of a legislative, judicial, or military, according to circumstances.

The leading men as debaters in the Senate, as at present organized, leaving the free soldiers out of the question, will doubtless be Cass, Hunter, Mason, Soule, Atcherson, Butler, Douglas, Ross and Houston, on the democratic side;—Clayton, Everett, Pearce, Dixon, Jones, Badger, Truman, Smith and Geyer, on that of the whigs. Gen. Cass and Gen. Douglas are the two oldest men in the Senate, being over seventy years of age. Most of the others have been born during the present century, and the average ages of the forty-five Senators whose names are known is about fifty.

With regard to nativity, the old States still preserve the preponderance in furnishing national legislators, no less than thirty-nine out of forty-nine Senators whose birthplaces are known having been born in the old thirteen States, viz:—In the New England States, 14; in New York, 4; Pennsylvania, 2; Maryland, 4; Delaware, 2; Virginia, 5; North Carolina, 2; South Carolina, 4; Georgia, 2. Of the others, there have been one from Tennessee, 2; Indiana, 4; Ohio, 1; Missouri, 1; Ireland, 1; France, 1; West Indies, 2. Ethnologically considered, the fifty-six Senators, (there being six vacancies,) may be classed as follows:—Of Anglo-Saxon origin 30, Scotch 5, Welsh 6, Irish 1, French 3, Spanish 1, German 1—Total 56.

One of the most striking points in the list of Senators is the vast preponderance of gentlemen of the legal profession. A foreigner, in looking at the occupations in private life of the executive and legislative branches of our government, might well suppose that the constitution provided that lawyers should always have the preference on the same principle that the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of this city, provides that a majority of the Board of Directors shall be mechanics. No less than forty-one of the United States Senators, or have been lawyers, leaving fifteen for all other occupations. Of these last, the medical profession have two; the mechanics, two; the military, the planters, and retired gentlemen, the remainder—the merchants not having one of their own number to represent them. Truly, the legal profession is the favored class with the people of this country.—*N. Y. Herald.*

**SINGULAR PHENOMENON.**—A severe snow storm accompanied by lightning occurred in a part of Maine on the 13th ult. A correspondent of the  *Gardiner (Me.) Evening* , writing from Bass Harbor, Mt. Desert, describes the storm, as it appeared there, as awful and sublime. A thunder cloud passed over the place, which, for terrific appearance, exceeded anything ever witnessed there.—The correspondent adds:

The lightning was of a purple color, and sometimes appeared like bills of fire, coming in through windows and doors, and down the chimneys, while the houses trembled and shook to their very foundations.

Mrs. E. Holden was near a window, winding up a clock; a ball of fire came in through the window and struck her hand, which, numbness her hand and arm. She then, with all in the house, retreated into the entry. Another flash succeeded, and, in the room from which they had retired, producing a volume of fire, whirling round and producing a crackling noise. A similar appearance of fire was seen, and crackling noises were heard in a large number of houses. Some who heard the noise said that it sounded like lightning flashes.

Capt. Maurice Rich had his light extinguished, and his wife was injured. He got his wife on to a bed, and found a match; at that instant another flash came and ignited the match, and threw him several feet backwards. John L. Marling received so severe a shock that he could not speak for a long time.

A great many persons were slightly injured.—Some were struck in the feet, some in the eye; while others were electrified, some powerfully and some slightly. But what was very singular, not a person was killed or seriously injured, or a building damaged, but a cluster of trees, within a few rods of two dwelling houses, were not thus fortunate.—The electric fluid came down among them—taking them out by the roots, and blowing them down, and throwing all in every direction. Some were left hanging by their roots from the tops of the adjacent trees, roots up and tops down.

The lightning, after entering the earth to the depth of several feet, and for a space some eight or ten feet in diameter, divided into four different directions. One course, which it took led through the open land, passing a chain to the depth of several feet, and continued its march unobstructed by the solid frozen ground, or any other substance to the distance of 370 feet; lifting, overturning, and throwing out of the ground, a mass of which was 10 or 11 feet long, by 4 feet wide, and hurling at a distance rocks, stones, and roots. The power here displayed was truly awful, and had it fallen on a building, it would have thrown it, with its inmates, into ten thousand fragments.

I understand that in Southwest Harbor and Northeast Harbor (in this island) several vessels had their masts rent in pieces; one had a plank torn from her, and one man was knocked down, but not killed.

**Boston, March 9.**—The New England Baptist convention assembled to-day. The Rev. A. C. Caswell, of Rhode Island, was chosen President, and Hon. Isaac Davis, of Massachusetts, Vice President. A committee was appointed to consider the expediency of forming a Baptist historical society. A report was received from each of the New England States respecting the condition of the Baptist Churches and Academies.

# NASHVILLE, TENN.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1853.

**THE WHOLESALE TRADE.**—The facilities opening up for communication with Nashville from the surrounding country, are beginning to make this place the great point of travel and trade. Already does the wholesale trade begin to assume an importance as to almost rival in amount of business done Louisville, Cincinnati and some cities on the seaboard.—Within two years this department of trade has increased fifty per cent, and is steadily and rapidly advancing. This is not strange nor improbable. Our merchants make direct importations from Europe and the American manufacturers. Their house rents and clerk's hire, together with the accommodations afforded them for the cheap transportation of their heavy stocks of goods through the various avenues of transit, enable them to compete successfully with our more northern neighbors. In purchasing from this market the country merchant saves time, insurance on his goods, and the various annoyances incident to getting his goods to market. Besides these advantages the dealer from the country gets his articles much cheaper, and by encouraging home trade helps to build up a department of commerce which will be eventually to his advantage.—The more our jobbers are patronized the more will it be in their power to sell goods at a less price.

Our trade is now large and prosperous. Prices ruling comparatively low in consequence of our most extensive dealers having made their selections in advance of the eastern jobbers, and in view to the large advance in prices of dry goods. About 1st of January we learn that returning retail dealers from the Atlantic cities reserved a portion of their purchases to be made in Nashville—having been unable to do any better in those markets than can be done here. So long as our extensive and enterprising jobbing houses continue to demonstrate their capacity to compete with the eastern jobbers in styles, quantity and prices, this will be an attractive market. We advise merchants to give this market an examination before going elsewhere to supply the places of Webster, Clay, Calhoun, and Benton, it will be found that the average amount of talent is kept up in the whole number, and that the proportion of really inferior men is small among the Senators.

**TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON.**—A new territory with this designation was created, and provisions made for its organization, by an act of Congress approved on the 2nd instant. It comprises that part of Oregon which lies north of the middle of the main channel of Columbia river, to where it crosses the forty-sixth degree of latitude, and thence along said degree of latitude, to the top of the Rocky Mountains. The land occupied by missionary stations, not exceeding six hundred and forty acres to each, together with the improvements, is expressly reserved and confirmed to the missionary societies respectively which established the same. Stations that were so occupied prior to the passage of the act organizing the territory of Oregon are also confirmed to the societies which established them, even though they have since been abandoned.

**HENDERSON AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD.**—There can now be no doubt, says the  *Henderson (Ky.) Banner* , of the early commencement of this great work. We are greatly pleased to see that the arduous labors of the able President of the Company, Col. E. H. Hopkins, have not been fruitless. In the week past he has been speaking and laboring in Henderson, and considerable additional stock has been subscribed, which fact gives us hopes that Henderson will not long remain behind her sister counties in the enterprise.

The English papers hardly know what to make of Ericsson's engine and the big ship.—One says it is a "stupendous experiment, unequalled in point of audacity in the history of mechanics."

In England, a Mr. Edwin Bates has invented a railway break that will stop a train going at twenty miles speed, within a distance of eighteen feet.

The Governor has appointed Levi Tyler, Esq., Director of the Bank of Kentucky, on the part of the State, vice James Guthrie, resigned.

**WASHINGTON, March 9.**—The American Telegraph convention met pursuant to adjournment. The committee on resolutions reported on the following points, which were adopted in detail by the convention:

1. All words in the body of the message should be counted as proper names, such as the names of persons, steamers, cities, &c., and shall be counted as many words as there are capitals used.

2. A better means was recommended to secure answers to messages sent, and to give priority to messages of inquiry between offices on business.

3. A reciprocity rule for refunding lost messages.

4. To protect the telegraph from abuse by unworthy and unqualified operatives.

(There were a great many other resolutions, &c., which we omit, as they are not all interesting to the public.—*Reporter.*)

The convention called in a body and paid their respects to the President of the United States. They were courteously received.

The members composing the convention represent over four-fifths of the telegraph of America. They agreed to hold annual meetings in Washington hereafter.

**MONDAY, March 6.**—The Black Warrior arrived at Havana on the 3d. Mr. King's health had slightly improved.

The El Dorado, from Aspinwall, arrived at Havana on the 2d.

The Providence bark Corsair arrived from Mozambique, bringing Captains papers of Jan. 4th. The mail of the 4th contains an account of a severe fight, in which six thousand Basuto horsemen were routed by about one thousand British.

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